

Remarks

Reconsideration of remaining claims 1, 6-8, 11-17 and 21-24 is respectfully requested.

Applicants believe that the claims, as now presented, are allowable over each of the references of record in the parent application. In particular, the Benson reference previously cited by the Examiner does not disclose or suggest an arrangement where a "network-based" system is employed that utilizes a "security system platform" in the network that performs the monitoring operations and launches verification requests to ensure that an alarm is valid. The Benson reference cites only the use of a "remote interface module" that communicates with each security device. The remaining references are used in combination with Benson and do not themselves disclose or suggest the utilization of a "platform" in a communication network to provide "a method of administering a security system", as defined by the amended claims.

Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to review the amended claims and allow this continuation application to pass to issue. If for some reason or other the Examiner does not agree that the case is ready to issue and that an interview or telephone conversation would further the prosecution, the Examiner is invited to contact applicants' attorney at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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